



# QYC NEWSLETTER

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## GRAB YOUR COWBOY HATS & CRUISE NOWHERE!

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### COMMODORES COMMENTS

Ross Horton

The height of the boating season is still upon us with an exciting August ahead. While July was cool and damp (wet) August is starting out hot, humid and damp. Regardless of the weather, August brings with it the soon to be world-famous Quantico Yacht Club CRUISE TO NOWHERE on August 12-13 which includes the SUMMER PARTY. Over the years this has proven to be a very popular event and will be even better this year. There is still time to sign up so get with it. August 12-13 also brings the PRYCA Dog Days of Summer festivities at Colonial Beach. Information on this event can be obtained from the PRYCA delegate, Rhonda Carson.

On Marina matters, the back-ordered parts for the marina pump-out station have finally arrived. They have been installed and I am informed that the facility is back in operation. That should ease the problem of patrons having to find alternate facilities with sufficient draft for the larger power and sail boats.

See ya on the water.



### VICE COMMODORE'S VOICE Sandy Huizenga

Attention all veteran QYC members. Please contact me with any history of the Club or if you can give me names of past members who may have some information I would appreciate everyone's help on this. A "Thank You" to the Williams for helping with the raffle at the last QYC meeting. Also Thank You to the evenings "Weinie Queen" Doug Humston for grilling the hot dogs



### SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES Ed Wright

Thanks to everyone for the continued support and words of encouragement. The Secretary's job is not too difficult, but it does take a lot of behind the scenes time for typing the meeting minutes, and producing this newsletter. There has been some interest expressed concerning electronic delivery of the newsletter, but not all of us are as technically inclined, it will not likely be done any time soon. I have added a column to our membership roster to collect email addresses of members, so if you do wish to have yours included, please send it to me. The Executive Board uses email to get a lot of things done, and many of us in the club could benefit from taking advantage of this new way of communicating. I've even got my laptop set up to email from *The Wright's Stuff* while we're relaxing or sailing down at Solomons.

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER



QYC Clubhouse: 703-784-2129  
Marina Office: 703-784-2359  
QYC Web Site:  
[www.anglefire.com/va/qyc](http://www.anglefire.com/va/qyc)

### Boat/U.S. Accord #GA80093Y

Use this number when you renew your Boat/U.S. Membership for the QYC discount rate.



### TREASURER'S BOTTOM LINE Phil E. Rogers

I always like to try to start my articles out with the Club's financial business. I just came back from the monthly Executive Board meeting tonight. The main event (agenda item) of the meeting was the presentation and discussion of the FY 2001 Budget. The budget is prepared by taking the actual income and expenses for the ten months (October through July) and projecting the income and expenses for the remaining two months (August and September). Overall, it looks like we will have a pretty good year. In all likelihood we will end the year realizing about \$1,000 more income and about \$1,000 less in expenses than was budgeted. This will result in a net surplus of about \$2,000, which was due to unplanned/unforeseen events at the time the FY 2000 budget was prepared. In the financial world, these two conditions are considered "favorable." I plan to cover the highlights of both the FY 2000 and FY 2001 budgets at the 11 August regular monthly meeting.

Several of the yacht clubs on the river provide a courtesy copy of their monthly newsletter to the other clubs (and we do the same). Since I pick up the mail, I get to read all the newsletters first before I pass them on to the Commodore. Occoquan Yacht Club's July newsletter was particularly interesting. Several of the articles in that issue of the newsletter detailed the hair-raising adventures they experienced on their cruise over Memorial Day weekend (if you remember, the weather was rather lousy—apparently all over the geographical area). Here are some excerpts from a couple of their articles.

- "...The boat (426 Chris Craft) was running well into 5-7 foot seas. About 3 miles south of Spring Cove Marina, the port engine lost power and then, both engines stalled. We put on our PFDs and then anchored, using about 200 feet of rode, and radioed our position to the Coast Guard. In trouble shooting the engines, we discovered all battery power was gone. We used a portable

power pack and set all battery switches to "All", fired up the genset, turned on the battery charger to get enough power to re-start the engines. The real challenge was to weigh anchor in sea now reaching 8-10 feet."

- "...As I fought to get around Point Lookout (heading for Solomon's Island), I could see that it was getting really "sporty" now (4-6 foot seas). You would really be surprised how you find all kinds of issues with your boat in these conditions. I was driving from the lower helm—you know, the one that is supposed to protect you from the elements. Well, it felt like I was trying to block the waves with a trash can lid. Every wave that crashed over the fly bridge was a new adventure in slat-water showers! Mother Nature...decided that my boat would look better without my upper bimini...and to trim off half of my lower canvas enclosures. Finally, after 3 hours of pure hell, we made it to Solomon's."

What held my interest so much in these stories being relayed was that I have been in the same situation myself at least a couple of times before. After my last experience (several years ago now), I made a vow that I would never be out in conditions like that again. The last time I was out there in conditions like that you would have thought we were trying to perform an exorcism on board the boat—we were chanting every prayer we had learned in catechism trying to get the seas to calm down. The boat was actually on her side a couple of times and the props out of the water churning thin air—never again. So far I have been able to hold to that vow. The timing of Occoquan Yacht Club's newsletter was a perfect since I will be taking a weeklong cruise on the Bay the first week in August. It was a reminder to me that I don't want to be out on the Bay in any adverse sea conditions. When NOAA says "winds 10-15 knots, seas 2-3 feet," they are really saying "winds 15-20 knots, seas 4-5 feet"—and it seems the conditions are always building. Anyway, I could really relate to their stories—because I have been there before—but never again.

By the way, there are several QYC members that will be on the cruise I mentioned above. They include Radeke, Closson, Roy, Karels, and myself. There may be a couple of other non-member boats too. We plan to go to Portsmouth (the farthest point south, across from Norfolk Waterside) and places in between (Windmill Point, Tides Lodge, Salts Pond, York River Yacht Club, Chrisfield, and Cobb Island).

Be sure to be at the next meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August so we can share our sea stories. Hope to see you there.



### CRUISING NEWS Cliff and Sandy Rov

The cruise to Coles Point for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend was just great, thanks to the hard work of the Clossons and the Reddens. The weekend started off with a golf tournament. The winners of this event were the team of Redden, Huizenga, and Nix. The next contest was Boat Decorating. This was won by the Carson's boat (*Yes Dear...*). And the biggest tournament was for horseshoes. This event was won by John Redden. Congratulations to all of you who took part in this years events. You all helped in making this another great 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The next cruise is the Cruise to Nowhere on the 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> of August. There will be a cruise/raft-up which is being sponsored by *Party of Four*. The party for this cruise will begin at 1800, (or 6:00PM) at the Yacht Club. The only thing you need to bring is a desire to have a great time. The fee for the party will be \$10.00 per adult. Please come out and join the fun.

Our next cruise will be to Old Town Alexandria. You need to sign up early, slips are going fast. The dates for the Labor Day Cruise are 2-4 Sept.



### RACING REAR COMMODORE Rav Boisvert

August is an "off" month for us River racers so there are no races planned, but

September brings the first of the fall regattas. Don't miss an opportunity to cruise to Washington, DC and participate in the National Capital Leukemia Cup Regatta. This annual fund raising/charity event brings out a large Potomac River fleet of PHRF boats and one designs. This year the regatta will be held Saturday 9 September out of the Washington Sailing Marina. The racecourse usually starts near Haines Point /National Airport and proceeds south along the Alexandria waterfront. There are prizes and awards given to top fundraisers (individuals and boat crews), food, music, auctions, and whole bunch of fun. Trophies are awarded to the top three finishers in each class. There are usually two Non-Spinnaker classes for boats with high and low ratings. A photo boat captures the action on film. A pre-registration party is held on Friday night and a regular registration/skipper's meeting is held Saturday morning before the starts.

The Washington Sailing Marina is located on the Virginia side past Alexandria but just before National Airport. A new channel to 8' has been completed so watch for the entry markers. Once inside we usually find open slips or we raft off each other on the T docks. Worst case we anchor in the lagoon in 12 feet of water and a shuttle service gets us to shore. As soon as I get the flyers for this event I'll post them in the club.

If you want more info; give me a call. Hope to see more QYC boats out this year.



#### **SOCIAL NEWS** **Sandy Huizenga**

No social events this month, but we would appreciate everyone helping with the "Cruise to Nowhere." It is always a fun event for the whole family to participate in. The sign up sheet is at the club for the Crab Feast in September. The Berry's have offered to sponsor it and I'm sure everyone will be out to help them. The cost will be \$10 per person.



### **CRUISE BULLETIN** **From the Crew of *Party of Four***

We will be having the water cruise out at Mattawoman, north of Sweden Point State Park, where there is somewhat of a beach. Our boat, *Party of Four*, will be there around 11:00 am to try to secure a spot. We ask that every boat bring their own beverage and a appetizer to share with the other boaters. Everyone will arrive and leave whenever they so desire so they can be able to get ready for the land part of the cruise, which will be the Country & Western Bar-B-Q held at the clubhouse. The *Party of Four* belongs to Phil & Sandy Spence and Brian & Jeanie Hand. If you have any questions our phone number is 703-960-2635.



#### **QUANTICO YACHT CLUB** **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>August</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Meeting
	12-13	QYC Cruise to Nowhere
	12 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Summer Party
	12-13	PRYCA Dog Days of Summer at Colonial Beach
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	QYC Executive Board Meeting
<b>Sept.</b>	2-4	QYC Labor Day Cruise
	8 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Meeting
	9 <sup>th</sup>	National Capitol Leukemia Cup Regatta
	22-24	PRYCA End of Summer Party
	26 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Executive Board Meeting
	30 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Crab Feast
<b>October</b>	7-9	QYC Columbus Day Cruise
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Dahlgren Under the Guns Regatta (DYC)
	13 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Meeting
	14-15	QYC Frostbite Regatta
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Fall Clean-up Day at the Clubhouse, begins at 0900
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rain Date for Clean-up Day
	24 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Executive Board Meeting

Nov.	6 <sup>th</sup>	PRYCA Delegates Meeting & Elections
	10 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Meeting
	21 <sup>st</sup>	QYC Executive Board Meeting
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Dec.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parade of Lights - Washington Channel
	9 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Meeting & Christmas Party
	19 <sup>th</sup>	QYC Executive Board Meeting



### PRYCA INFORMATION Rhonda Carson

It seems hard to believe but the summer is almost over...and with that we have the upcoming "End of Summer" event at Tantallon Yacht Club September 22-24. This event, in years past, has been our time to shine and show our force on the river. Will we be able to do it again? Come on QYC, stop doing that boat cleaning and lets go up the river and help PRYCA have a great end of the Summer bash! I will be getting all the info and sign up sheets at the upcoming delegate meeting the weekend of August 11-13 and will post it at the club  
ASAP.

I also want to pass on to the membership the new PRYCA web site address:

<http://www.PotomacRiverYachtClubs.org>

This is an fantastic site for all types of boating information and helpful links. You are able to go from making a reservations at a marina, to checking out a restaurant menu, to the tide tables (local or abroad), to our clubs web site all with a simple click of your mouse!

We are also putting the final paperwork in for approval for becoming a Chapter in the I.O.B.G. Many thanks to our past commodores and spouses whom have worked with me to meet our awkward deadline.



